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The Daily Press.

HONGKONG, OCTOBER 12TH, 1907.

The Hon. Mr. KESWICK, when addressing the Legislative Council on the subject of the Ordinance limiting punishment by stocks, made the mistaken suggestion that a local morning paper was "controlled" by Chinese and the imputation was allowed to lie when there is certainly no occasion for it. The Daily Press, speaking for ourselves, is certainly not "controlled" by Chinese or by anything other than a consistent desire to tell the truth and shame the Devil, and if we thought the stocks a barbarous method of punishing offenders we would most certainly say so. As it happens, our views on the matter are like those held by the Hon. Mr. KESWICK—going, if anything, considerably further. But we also sympathize strongly with the respectable Chinese view, and are not in the least shocked by the Hon. Dr. Ho Kai's suggestion that the imposition of this form of punishment should be made more universal. The shibboleth of the prestige of the race commits us to more than an expensive post-office at Tientsin. It commits us to a good deal of legislative humbug and injustice. Still, life is not a matter of rhetoric, of logic, all the time, and the Chinese who oppose this mode of punishment on the score of its unfair discrimination are like the young gentlemen in

Kipling's "Stalky & Co." They have to be shown the uses of a little flagrant injustice; to understand that a machiavellian latitude is imperative in most cases. We certainly would not let the prestige of the race prevent us from putting some white benchcombers in the stocks. Hongkong would have been a cleaner place if that had been possible in the past. Shanghai is a slave to the idea of racial prestige, giving it, that is to say, exaggerated importance. The northern part was recently scandalized because a Russian drunkard was ignored by his Consul, and allowed to face the ignominy of trial at the Mixed Court. There Chinese might gaze upon a sacrosanct white man, actually in the dock and charged with insobriety. What a blow to the prestige of the pallid epidermis! But it seems to us that as the man had been rolling about the public street before he was arrested and charged, that prestige was already sufficiently chipped and bulged to stand one more dent. If anything, the prestige must have gained a little by the public demonstration that the white man's justice is even-handed. In Hongkong it appears that some Chinese have doubts of its even-handedness. The Hon. Dr. Ho Kai tells us that a great deal of the opposition to this mode of punishment (the stocks) is due to the fact that the Chinese have noticed all white offenders are exempt therefrom. Their suspicion is pardonable; we have no excuse to offer; we regret that our only argument in favour of the policy is one of expediency. It would be hypocritical to claim that it is fair, or just. But that most excellent Head-master of Kipling's old school was wise enough to know that there are occasions when flagrant injustice is necessary and not immoral. The parallel appeals to us as being worth insisting upon. The Chinese law breaker, even in a British Colony, does not wear the toga virilis. He is on a par with the schoolboy, for whom long experience has shown that the whipping block and the birch are best. There be sentimentalists who deplore the brutality of corporal punishment, and their inexperienced cackle in the newspapers has unfortunately been taken far too seriously from time to time. For such we know an infallible cure. Put them in charge of a form of healthy boys, or in authority over a gang of guileless Celestials, and we prophesy an instant and amazing conversion to commonsense and the rod. But in Hongkong and Shanghai this is quite well understood. It is only the griffins who lip these sentimental objections, and they soon grow out of it. There is no need to labour the point that pedagogic methods are needed in the interest of law and order. Shanghai's experience is not unique. As it happens, the Hon. Mr. KESWICK was as much at sea with regard to the object of the Bill as he was in his reference to "one of the morning papers." It was not to abolish the stocks at all, but to use them more discreetly. The schoolmaster who habituates his boys to a daily flourishing of the cane deprives himself of a useful deterrent. The thing by familiarity loses its terrors; and it was felt that the reckless imposition of the stocks for petty offences was robbing the apparatus of its wholesome significance. A poor scold who causes what an intelligent policeman is pleased to regard as an obstruction is not a wicked person. He has no business in the stocks. Even a Chinaman who dares to hawk goods without first getting a licence is not sufficiently depraved to deserve that ignominy. There is not the least fear that this Bill will encourage criminals, or we would hasten to deny it. Instead, even at the risk of falling under suspicion of being "controlled" by somebody or other, we have pleasure in recording approval of it. Seriously, we trust that the Hon. Mr. KESWICK has not set a fashion by his opening remark in the Legislative Council. While not very serious in itself, being badly aimed, it reminds us that we have to trust to His Excellency the Governor to protect the Press and others against unparliamentary imputations. We always give hon. members credit for honest intention and good faith, and we expect reciprocity.

There is to be a series of afternoon dances at the Peak Club during the season. The first dance will be held on Tuesday from 6 to 7.30 p.m.

Three actions were heard against Li Chi Chin at the Supreme Court yesterday, when Mr. Justice WISE gave judgment for plaintiffs with the usual stay of execution.

At the Magistracy yesterday Mr. Melbourne dealt with seven men who had been found on board the *Kitehan* coming from Canton to Hongkong without having paid their passage. They were each fined \$25 or one month's imprisonment. Three of the men had been deported on Sunday night.

The performance of "Roy Roy" at Kowloon Dock to-night promises to be very successful.

Four beggars, men belonging to the fraternity who haunt the vicinity of money changers and poster their customers with demands for cash, were brought before Mr. H. Island at the Magistracy yesterday and sentenced to two weeks' imprisonment.

At the Hongkong Hotel this evening the dinner menu will be as follows:—

Dinner Menu.—Hors d'Oeuvres—Anchovy Canapes. Soup—Chicken Broth. Fish—Stewed Fish and Oyster Sauce. Entrée—Cold Pigeon on Toast, Yeal Cutlets and Tomato Sauce, Lobster Patties. Curry—Parsee. Joint, etc.—Roast Lamb and Mint Sauce, Roast Chicken and Bread Sauce, Boiled Corned Beef and Carrots, Galantine of Pigeon and Mixed Salad. Sweet—Marmalade and Vermorel Pudding, Vanilla Ice Cream and Finger Cakes, Tasty Cake. Dessert—Coffee—Fruits.

Entertainments are plentiful to-night. At Government House H. E. the Governor and Lady Lugard hold a reception in honour of the Hon. W. H. and Mrs. Taft. At the Phoenix Club (late Bowling Club) there will be a smoking concert; The drama "Rob Roy" will be produced at Langham by the Dock Theatre Co.; The Catholic Union have arranged a promenade concert to take place in the compound of the Roman Catholic Cathedral, and there will be a fireworks display at the Windsor Garden at Wongchoi-teong.

## A YOUNG INTERPRETER.

When the case *K. Denhaw v. Y. Hachim* was called at the Supreme Court yesterday the defendant, a Japanese, came forward with his son, a boy of about ten or twelve years of age, as his interpreter. His Honour (Mr. Justice WISE) said he could not accept him as interpreter; he was too young. Defendant, he added, would have to get another interpreter. As an afterthought he asked if the defendant owed the money and the boy, replied in the affirmative. "Oh well," said his Honour, "I will take him on that." Then a bailiff explained that the boy said it was not his father who owed the money but his friend. "Who signed this paper?" asked his Honour. "The other man signed it and my friend put on his chop," "Tell your father then," said Mr. WISE, "he has to pay the money. He can go and sue his friend." "But his friend has gone to Singapore," pleaded the boy. "To that there was no answer. The amount of the claim was \$160.

## A BOOK IN THE MAKING.

Of the making of books there is no end. Admittedly the remark is a trite one, but its application is always apt. The book we have in view at present does not come under the ordinary category. It is not a one-man production. It embodies the work of many, and accordingly possesses a merit which has a monetary and intrinsic value beyond others. The book in the making is a standard work on Hongkong, Shanghai and the Treaty Ports. It is one of the series of Twentieth Century Impressions published by Lloyd's Greater Britain Publishing Company. This company, which has undergone considerable expansion since its inception, has embarked on literary enterprises which have been a succession of successes. Realising the need for greater enlightenment regarding the British Dominions beyond the Seas, the Company have set themselves the task of meeting that need. Kipling, in his well known lines "What do they know of England who only England know" emphasised the ignorance of the people at home regarding the Greater Britain they had not seen, and there can be no doubt that with a better knowledge of the colonies the mutual interests of Motherland and Colonies will be advanced. It is one of the aims of the Lloyd's Greater Britain publications to afford information in regard to the resources and productive capabilities of the Colonies and to assist thereby in the development of partly undeveloped lands, and with that object in view the compilers have set themselves the task of collating all useful information regarding the places dealt with. For that reason the works contain historical, geographical, commercial and industrial sections. Each volume therefore becomes a valuable compendium of facts and facts, a book of reference which has more interest to the ordinary reader than the usual publication of that nature. The standard work on Hongkong, Shanghai, and the Treaty Ports at present in the making, will contain a thorough historical account of those places and deal exhaustively with every phase of life and business, and with their resources and industries. The volume will be illustrated with about 2000 photos and will be handsomely bound in full Morocco and printed on the finest paper. The Company has a special staff of writers, photographic artists, and travellers, numbering about 36 in all.

Mr. Somerset Playne is in charge in Hongkong and Messrs. J. T. Deane and L. Zweiger, special representatives, have now commenced work gathering information, etc., while Mr. A. Stubbs, special photographer to the Company, has also arrived. Many others are to follow. Mr. W. A. Cartwright, sub-editor of the work, will shortly arrive from Singapore, accompanied by a large literary staff of special writers. The whole is under the supervision of Mr. Arnold Wright, editor in London. Special articles will be obtained from experts on the spot. We have seen a copy of the work on Natal and can assure our readers that the publications of the company are all that they claim to be.

## TELEGRAMS.

## [REUTER'S SERVICE.]

## THE INDIAN CROPS.

LONDON, October 9th.  
Reuter's correspondent in Simla wires that prospects of the crops in India are gloomy, and widespread distress and the necessity for extensive relief works are feared.

## THE MOROCCAN ENVOYS.

LONDON, October 9th.  
The Moroccan Envoys, reported on the 4th inst., have proceeded to England to obtain the recognition of Mulai Haïd. They will also visit the German and Italian Ambassadors in London.

## JAPANESE IMMIGRATION TO CANADA.

LONDON, October 9th.  
The Dominion Government is sending Mr. Lemieux, Minister for Labour, to Japan to negotiate for the restriction of immigration.

## PERSIA.

LONDON, October 9th.  
The Russian merchants in Isfahan have telegraphed to Novo-Vremya that all the roads are in the hands of brigands and trade at a standstill. The authorities are supine and the Consuls helpless. The priests are preaching a boycott of foreign goods. The merchants urgently ask for aid.

## PERSIA AND THE ANGLO-RUSSIAN AGREEMENT.

LONDON, October 9th.  
The correspondent of the Times in Tehran wires that a Parliamentary Committee has drafted an answer to the Anglo-Russian Agreement for transmission to England and Russia, declaring that Persia is friendly to both subject to no control in granting concessions. Existing concessions will be respected.

## THE TROUBLE IN MOROCCO.

LONDON, October 9th.  
Hostile tribesmen attacked the French force protecting friendly near Ujda. The French lost 4 killed and wounded, while the losses of the tribesmen were heavy.

## PARCELS POST BETWEEN JAPAN AND HONGKONG.

The Japan Official Gazette publishes the Parcel Post Treaty concluded between the Japanese Minister of Communications, and the Director of the Postal Administration at Hongkong. The Treaty consists of eight articles. It is to supersede the old Convention dated Tokyo December 26th, 1879, and Hongkong, December 9th, 1879, and is to come into force on a date to be determined by the two authorities.

The salient points of the Treaty are that the parcels posted in Japan for Hongkong must not exceed 1000 grammes in weight, and those posted in Hongkong for Japan 11 English pounds. The parcels may have a declared value or may be insured up to 3000 francs. The postal charges are as follows:—

	Not exceeding 300 grammes	Over 300 grammes and not exceeding 500 grammes	Over 500 grammes and not exceeding 1000 grammes
Japan to Hongkong	1.25	2.25	3.25
Hongkong to Japan	1.00	1.50	2.00

The account between the two Post Offices in regard to the charges for parcels, value declared or insured, is to be fixed at the rate of 25 centimes per every 300 grammes or fraction thereof. The charges for parcels, value declared or insured, are: Japan to Hongkong, 10c; Hongkong to Japan, 10c; and maritime transportation, 10c. The dispatch office may also charge a registration fee not exceeding 25 centimes.

The following articles are not allowed to be forwarded by parcels post:—Correspondence, living animals, articles the import or export of which are prohibited by the Customs House or by the laws of either of the contracting parties, and also articles of an explosive or inflammable nature.

In case of loss, theft or damage done to parcels, except in cases resulting from irresistible force, either the sender or receiver of the parcel may claim damage equivalent to the actual value of the articles. In all cases the damages payable shall not exceed 25 francs, or must not exceed the value declared in case of the value having been declared. On the payment of a sum not exceeding 25 centimes in advance the senders of parcels may obtain a delivery certificate.

The Treaty is dated Tokyo, July 19th, 1907, and Hongkong, August 1st, 1907.

"The Leather Booklets," published by Mr. Warner Laurie have undoubtedly supplied a want and the earlier volumes have been exceedingly popular. Two new volumes in the series will shortly be issued viz.: "The Castles of England," by E. B. d'Auvergne with 25 illustrations specially drawn for the work by A. M. Roberts and "Old London Memorials," by W. J. Roberts with 33 photographs taken by the author. The frontispiece to this volume is the interesting statue of "The Naked Boy" in Panyer Alley.

## LOCAL SPORT.

## LEAGUE CRICKET.

KOWLOON v. R.G.A.—On the Kowloon Ground at 2 p.m. to-day the following will represent Kowloon:—S. Lightfoot, W. Dixon, Robinson, J. Clolland, F. Day, Mackaskill, Tillman, D. Mackenzie, S. Green, Burgess and J. Mead (capt).

The following will represent the Civil Service Cricket Club in the League match with the Army Staff to-day commencing at 2.15 p.m. sharp on the C.S. Ground.—Hon. Dr. Atkinson, Mr. H. T. Jackson, Mr. E. B. Reed, Mr. A. R. F. Raven, Mr. E. W. Mitchell, Mr. F. A. Bide, Mr. P. T. Lambie, Mr. P. R. Adams, Mr. E. W. Dawson, Mr. A. Pile, Mr. L. E. Brett. Reserve Mr. Bacon. Umpire, Mr. W. H. Woolley.

## HONGKONG CRICKET CLUB.

The following teams will meet in a match to-day, commencing at 2 p.m. sharp:—  
Mr. R. HANCOCK'S TEAM.—Messrs. R. Hancock (Capt.), H. Hancock, A. E. Lanning, H. E. Mokke, W. J. Poake, W. C. D. Turner, R. O. Hutchison, L. J. Wishart, Major H. E. Lewis, 119th Inf., Capt. H. E. Stanger-Leathes I.M.S., Lt. J. M. G. Taylor, 119th Inf., and W. Edwards.

Mr. A. MACKENZIE'S TEAM.—Messrs. A. Mackenzie (Capt.), A. A. Claxton, G. E. Morrell, W. A. Powell, Wm. Dixon, E. A. Fowler, R. B. Beattie, R. J. L. Wright, W. F. Brewer, Major W. W. Chitty, Lt. E. W. Isaacson, M.N., Staff-Sergeant J. P. H. Greenhalgh, M.N., F. C. Kendall and Corporal Sharpe, 3rd Mid. Regt.

## INTER-PORT CRICKET.

A telegram was received yesterday morning from Mr. W. H. Barham, the Secretary of the Shanghai Cricket Club, stating the team will leave Shanghai on the 11th November next by the English Mail "Arcadia."

## MACAO.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

October 10th.  
A COMMERCIAL CASE.  
For the third time, I believe, a "commercial jury" has rendered the same decision in the case of the depositors in the Tai-loong Bank versus the Banco Nacional Ultramarino. It appears that just before the Tai-loong Bank suspended payment the Banco Ultramarino had sent to it about \$100,000. When the Chinese Bank closed its doors, the Banco Ultramarino, as the government Bank, paid itself in full out of the funds of the Chinese Bank. The other creditors of the insolvent Bank received in the liquidation only 10 per cent. of the money they had deposited, and they petitioned the Court to declare that the claim of the Banco Ultramarino was not a preferential claim; that the money should be refunded and that the Banco Ultramarino should share in the distribution as an ordinary creditor. Three juries have now declared in favour of the petitioners.

## THE MACAO SEISMOGRAPH.

Two years ago, when the inhabitants of this city were alarmed by earthquake shocks, the Government purchased a seismograph. It may interest the public to know that the seven cases in which this delicate instrument is packed are still lying unopened in a godown. When is it likely to be fixed up? I might also ask whether it does this delicate machinery any good to be kept in the packing cases so long? It would not surprise me to learn, when the cases are opened, that some of the parts have become so rusted as to be worthless.

## CRICKET FIGHTS.

The "cricket fight" season is with us and thousands of Chinese from the neighbouring districts have come to see the "sport," which takes place in houses situated in the Rua Central. The season is now about over, but many will remain for the Chinese festivities which take place next week. There has not been the same general interest taken in this festival as in former years. Every Chinaman has doubtless subscribed, but formerly each business section organised its special show in the procession, and the friendly desire of one section to outdo the other tended to produce a really good show. This year one Committee makes itself responsible for the whole show, and it seems doubtful if this is a better arrangement.

## A JAPANESE AMERICAN WAR.

An anonymous writer in the "Contemporary Review" points out the conditions under which a Japan-American conflict would take place. Maritime supremacy would be of the first importance, and the home territories of both belligerents would probably be immune, as neither side has the necessary combined naval and military preponderance, America being deficient in land forces and Japan by sea. In these circumstances, the war would be purely naval, waged under simple strategic conditions, such as our own struggles with the Dutch in the seventeenth century, were it not for the complication introduced by the American ownership of the Philippines, which govern the whole problem. The balance of strategic advantages would rest with Japan, because she has in her power to select the actual scene of hostilities should war break out. America could not force her to cross the Pacific to defend her interests, whereas she could always compel America to do so, unless the Philippines were "surrendered" without striking a blow. This practically fixes the Western Pacific as the theatre of operations, where Japan has her bases, and those of America are far distant. It is difficult to forecast the probable result of such a war: all that is certain is that neither side could feel confident of ultimate success. America would suffer a certain degree of loss in the opening stages, but in order to make effectual reprisals, she would have to exert all her strength at a great distance from home, and conduct operations against a determined and experienced enemy in his own waters. Japan would throughout be threatened by the serious menace of a much more powerful hostile fleet. And this it is which gives interest to the situation.

## SECRETARY TAFT.

In the distinguished visitor we are welcoming to-day, we have not only one of the foremost Americans, but also a probable President. Next year the United States will be in the throes of a Presidential Campaign, and Secretary Taft is looked upon in many quarters as the most likely successor to President Roosevelt. Candidates just now are as plentiful as blackberries, but, luckily for the American nation, there can be but one President, and the nomination of a candidate is the most arduous commencement in the tortuous path leading to the Presidency. Still it is a coveted honour to be even suggested for the highest post in the land, and Cousin Jonathan is not chary of bestowing the distinction on a popular hero who for the moment has caught his mercurial fancy. Lieutenant Hobson after his exploit at Santiago was spoken of as the coming President, and a month or two ago Mr. Haywood of Idaho who had just been acquitted for the murder of Governor Steunenberg was put up as a Candidate.

Eliminating all unlikely names, there are at present five candidates, one of whom will, in all probability, be elected next year to occupy the Presidential Chair from March 4th, 1909. These are: President Roosevelt, Vice-President Fairbanks, Secretary Taft, Senator Knox and Governor Hughes (Governor of New York State). President Roosevelt still remains the popular hero, and it is a question whether he will not be re-elected by the unanimous wish of the people. It is true he has asserted on several occasions that he will not serve a third term, but it remains to be seen whether this is merely analogous to the small boy's customary polite repudiation of a second slice of cake, which he only requires a little pressing to accept! Besides it is an anxious, founded on Presidential history in the United States, that the less the position is desired, the more likely is it to be forced upon the unwilling statesman. It is certainly true that the eager seeker after office is frequently disappointed, as, for example, Mr. W. J. Bryan, whose chances of the Presidency seem as remote as ever. Technically speaking, a President cannot serve more than two consecutive terms, but in the case of President Roosevelt there has been but one election, in 1904 since he, then Vice-President, stepped into the shoes of President McKinley when the latter was assassinated in the Autumn of 1901.

It is undoubtedly true that, if President Roosevelt himself is not re-elected, his most probable successor is the man who will carry on the Roosevelt policy, in the curtailment of the power of the Trusts, in the gradual cleansing of the Augean Stables of political corruption, and in putting down with a firm hand the systemized "graft" in public works and office, with which every State in the Union is riddled in the American and European world.

Upon all the main issues Secretary Taft and President Roosevelt are at one apparently, and because of this, as well as the alleged desire of the President himself, that the mantle he is discarding shall fall upon the shoulders of his trusty liegeman, in many quarters Secretary Taft is looked upon with some degree of certainty, as the future President of the United States.

The coming Elijah will not find it an easy matter to wear the mantle of Elijah, for Theodore Roosevelt is endowed with all the attributes of a popular hero. Absolutely fearless physically, he has the knack of doing things in a picture que way, that is of the greatest value in the making of a popular idol. Whether it is shooting "bars" in the Rockies, or camping out in the Adirondacks, taking a trip in the latest thing in ships, or diving into the depths of the ocean in a submarine, "Teddy" has a way with him that will be hard to match.

Preparations for the reception of the Hon. W. H. Taft and party are now complete, and nothing tending to enhance their welcome to our shores has been overlooked—not even the special chair for the honourable gentleman who caused so much consternation among the chair coolies on a previous visit, and wrought such disaster to their modes of conveyance. A special chair is now in readiness for the great American, and doubtless extra coolies will be in requisition to bear him to the many places at which he is to be welcomed. Mr. Taft will probably make his official landing at ten this morning, and proceed to Government House. Then he will dine with a number of the leading Chinese at the Tung Tien Low restaurant, where a stiff will be given by Consul General Wilder. He is expected to make a speech here, and afterwards at the Y.M.C.A. his next place of call. Later there will be the American Consul General's reception at the Hongkong Hotel, where Mr. and Mrs. Taft will receive a number of visitors. In the evening H.E. the Governor and Lady Lugard hold an "At Home" in honour of the distinguished American and his wife, and at this there is sure to be a large attendance.

## WEATHER REPORT.

The Hongkong Observatory yesterday issued the following report:—  
On the 11th at 12.05 p.m. the barometer has risen moderately in E. Japan, and fallen moderately to slightly over N. China, and the Philippines.  
An area of high pressure lies over Japan, and the low pressure is shown over the Pacific to the S.E. of the Philippines.  
Gradients have decreased on the China coast, and fresh to moderate N.E. winds may be expected in the Formosa Channel, and fresh N.E. winds over the N. part of the China Sea.  
Hongkong rainfall for the 24 hours ending at 10 a.m. to-day, 0.03 inches.

The forecast for the 24 hours ending at noon to-day is as follows:—  
Hongkong & Neighbourhood { N.E. and E. winds, fresh to moderate; fair.  
Formosa Channel { Same as No. 1.  
South coast of China between { Same as No. 1.  
Hongkong and Lamcocks { Same as No. 1.  
South coast of China between { Same as No. 1.  
Hongkong and Hainan. { Same as No. 1.



## THE TRAGEDY OF EMPIRE.

## HISTORY'S WARNING TO THE BRITISH PEOPLE.

There have for a long time been voices crying in the wilderness, with solemn but unheeded warnings, to the British people of the coming of a day of national test and trial which shall decide their worthiness to retain the Imperial heritage of their fathers. But none has been so plain, so plain and more convincing than the lesson of national failure in the Empire of the past than Mr. Ellis Barker in his lecture last February at the Royal United Service Institution.

Unfortunately such utterances always fail to reach the ears of many but those who are already assured of our national shortcomings, and the people at large remain ignorant and unconvinced that they are fast drifting towards the door of all great Empires before them. As Mr. Barker demonstrated, history conclusively proves how nations always remained great and powerful so long as they accepted the principle of self-denial involved in the maintenance of national armies composed of the best manhood of the people, while their decline and fall have invariably dated from the disinclination of the national manhood to sustain the burden of military service, and the consequent employment of paid or mercenary soldiers.

Egypt comes first in the long line of disaster. We see her at an early date a powerful and very wealthy State, with a national army of 40,000 men. It was an army composed of individuals and men of a well-to-do caste, for in those days, as Diocletian's letters tell us, Egypt was so rich that it was able to leave the defence of the country to those who had no material stake in its preservation. As long as she was defended by this army, composed of the national manhood, she retained her magnificence, her wealth and power. But in the seventh century A.D., under Pharamondus, this national army was superseded by one of paid soldiers, chiefly Greeks from India and Caria, and Egypt rapidly declined. Attacked by another national army, that of the Persians, then a hardy race, they were maintained, her greatness and glory deprived for ever in the disastrous overthrow at Pelusium in 525 B.C. Since then she has been ruled by foreigners.

Then the Persians, having possessed themselves of the wealth of Egypt and the Near East, waxed exceedingly rich and prosperous. Their ancient discipline was relaxed, and the process of decadence was at once evinced by their military forces from the lowest of the people and by levies from subject races. Consequently in the seventh century, when the Persians attacked Greece, the national manhood of Persia was scarcely represented at all, and its destruction by the truly national forces of the Greeks was the natural result.

When Greece achieved this great triumph her armies were national in every sense of the word. The Greek citizen regarded it as an honour and a privilege to bear arms in defence of his country, and high and low, rich and poor, fought side by side in the national cause. But Greece, in her turn, became corrupted and enervated by wealth and luxury, till only a handful of men, the remnants of the old army, were left to defend the country. The substitution of hired soldiers for the national warriors of the former days. "Formerly," he says, "mercenaries were unknown to us, but now our position is such that it is far easier to raise an army of mercenaries than a citizen army."

But the Greeks believed that their wealth would provide them with adequate means of defence, and turned a deaf ear to the Roberts of their day. So when at last Philip II. of Macedonia fell upon them with his national army they were hopelessly overthrown at Chaeronea. In spite of the self-sacrificing bravery of the Sacred Band of Thebes, who were the last remnants of the old army, the Greeks became, like the Egyptians and Persians before them, a subject race, the prey in turn of Macedonians, Romans, Goths, Byzantines, and Turks.

Mr. Barker then pointed out the parallel as the greatest maritime and colonial power of antiquity, but one which fell chiefly upon her naval power and shrank citizen service in her land forces, recruiting these from subject races and her overseas colonies. As an inevitable result she was despoiled of her wealth and power, and when in the hour of her extremity her citizens woke up and formed themselves into volunteer forces their desperado, but untrained, efforts availed nothing against their trained and disciplined enemies.

And what of Carthage? She mightily increased in wealth and power. She could boast of a great fleet, a powerful army, and skilled leaders. But she fell before the more powerful power of Rome, and Polybius, the historian of the Punic wars, tells us that it was because "The Carthaginians employed mercenary soldiers, while Rome fought with a national army."

But, now it was the turn of Rome. So wealthy and powerful had she become that she was regarded around on a subject world who might be excused for believing her position to be unchallengeable. What need any longer, said her citizens, of a national army? We will hire a man to do the work for us. And so, the historian says, "The security of a long peace altered the disposition of the Romans, drew them from military to civil vocations, and created in them a love of ease and idleness. Military discipline, after having been neglected, disappeared entirely." Tacitus tells us how the old sound principles of universal compulsory service fell into abeyance; the Roman soldier was recruited from the starving and out-of-work classes of the big towns, or from subject races. What the result was, he says, "The security of a long peace altered the disposition of the Romans, drew them from military to civil vocations, and created in them a love of ease and idleness. Military discipline, after having been neglected, disappeared entirely."

Through all it is the same old story. The Empire of the East, based upon a voluntarily enlisted army, recruited from the lower classes, and in its turn fell before the national armies of the Turks. We now reach the zenith of Spanish power in the sixteenth century. There was none to compare with Spain on land or sea. But her armies were not national armies, and eventually they went down before the national armies of the revolted Netherlands. In her turn, for a time Holland, succumbing to the rich and overgrown possessions of Spain, enjoyed great wealth and power. But relying wholly upon their fleets, her citizens shirked the obligation of military service, leaving it to the poorer classes of the population, and when attacked by Louis XIV. were overrun in the short space of forty days, and their world power fell to pieces.

Take, again, that period of modern history which has witnessed the development of national non-national armies. France, as we all know, because she ignored the solemn warnings of Lord Roberts, and other patriots of the type of Lord Roberts, and persisted in relying upon a non-national army to withstand the national armies of France. But after that terrible defeat she instituted universal military service and the power of united Germany to-day continues to be based upon that of the national army. On the other hand, France, weakened by the great Napoleonic empires, denationalized here—that is to say, the better classes and those who could afford it were enabled to escape service by the purchase of substitutes, and, in consequence, the army was filled with the poorest, most ignorant, and least healthy of the

people. It was this army which fell before the more numerous and better organized national armies of Germany in 1870-71. Roused by this terrible lesson, France again reformed her army, and now possesses one based on universal military service.

Looking critically at the recent struggle for South Africa, there is very little doubt that had the Boers possessed a national army instead of merely a national militia, which was entirely without the organization, discipline, training, and cohesion of the former, the whole country from the Cape to the Zambezi would have been lost to Great Britain. As it was our non-national forces required a prolonged breathing space, and even then only triumphed with tremendous difficulty.

The reason for the triumph of the national over non-national armies in the past has always been due to the possession by the former of superior moral, intelligence, physique, and numerical force, and the opinion of every competent authority, ancient or modern, agrees in this, while events confirm it from the day of Pelusium to Sedan. Therefore, as Great Britain can enjoy no exemption from this law, it is very certain that in a struggle for existence against great national forces her non-national army will stand no better chance against the national forces of her enemies than did the paid regulars of Carthage, with their untrained masses behind them.

Already our record is black enough through our lack of a national army. For this would undoubtedly have preserved to our American Colonies, and saved £500,000,000, the cost of the war. It would also have hindered Napoleon from devastating Europe for twenty terrible years, thus saving millions of lives, and £1,000,000,000 to this country; and it is equally certain that the Boers would never have ventured on war had our forces been organized on this national basis.

What is the conclusion of the whole matter? It is not suggested that there were no other causes than the one we are considering which contributed to the fall of the powerful Empires of the past. Nevertheless, it is very certain that the abandonment of national armies has always been one of the earliest visible effects of national decadence, and nearly all these old-world Empires succumbed, generally after a single blow, because their manhood had shrunk from national military service and preferred to entrust their interests to a hired soldiery.

As Mr. Barker justly observed, non-national armies have achieved splendid successes under such leaders as Hannibal, Marlborough, and Wellington. But such leaders were exceptional geniuses, and even they required time to knock their material into shape, time which will never be obtainable amidst the lightning development of modern war.

Whether the last and largest Empire on the world's stage is preparing in its turn for decay or yet further development must depend upon the resolution of its people. Alone among the armed nations, its rivals, it clings to a self-indulgent form of military service, and shirks the defence of its Empire by a national army. The story of Egypt, of Persia, of Carthage, and of Rome, as well as every modern example, are eloquent with warning of the inevitable result of this abandonment of national responsibility, and Great Britain will not be able to escape the operation of the same remorseless law.

## THE CLAPNETTISTS.

The domestic affairs of the millionaire socialist artist, Ferdinand Earle, the well-known painter, and his wife, who had been married for a long time, and who had a large family, had been a source of much trouble to him, and he had been in the habit of saying that he might marry his "affinity," as he called her, and she might marry his "affinity," as he called her, and she might marry his "affinity," as he called her.

Now comes Miss Kuttner's story. Miss Kuttner is the "affinity" who, at the invitation of Mrs. Earle, lived for months in the Earles' household and "tried to make him love his wife." Miss Kuttner (says the "Telegraph") is 22, a plump brunette, and the very opposite of Mrs. Earle, who is a thin blonde.

Miss Kuttner, like the artist, feels that she has a mission in the world, and at one time was a very zealous settlement worker. She says the whole affair has been horribly misinterpreted by the mob, but she says "we have placed our idea too high for the populace to see them."

In a long interview on Saturday, Miss Kuttner admitted that Earle and herself were kinder minds in complete harmony. "Mrs. Earle said this, and I replied to her to live with her and I did my best to help them understand each other. All were perfectly honest in the transaction."

My every motive was altruistic. Mrs. Earle tried hard to help herself and her husband. He tried, too, but they simply could not understand each other. Then, realizing that it was hopeless, she came to me and said I should take the place which she declared was properly mine, and I wished her to hold.

"She said she would go away and get a divorce and Earle might have the happiness he could not have with her. She was insistent about it, and there was not the least bit of feeling against me; indeed, she was just the opposite."

She would have done it before, only Earle could not get him off to agree to let the baby go, but in his generosity he saw it was only right that the mother should have him, and he finally agreed that the boy should accompany her.

"He wanted her to have all the happiness possible. He was happy; he wanted her to be." Miss Kuttner, who objects to be called "the affinity," declaring that such a term is disrespectful to an American woman, makes out a good case.

She hardly saw eye to eye with the artist Earle, making his matrimonial affairs public and posing for the Press photographers, but is confident headed for the best.

Like Mr. and Mrs. Earle, Miss Kuttner concludes with an appeal for the open-door principle in courtship, condemning the French system as a fertile source of much unhappiness. "If we can do something to discourage the French system of courtship," Miss Kuttner says, "we shall not have suffered in vain, and Mr. Earle will have achieved his purpose."

**LATEST STEAMER MOVEMENTS.**  
The Mogul Line str. Atholl left Penang on 11th inst., and may be expected here on or about the 20th inst.  
The Mogul Line str. Errol left U. K. for China and Japan Ports on 11th inst.  
The F. & A. str. Eastern left Sydney via Queensland Ports for this port on 9th inst.

## THE DEBT OF CHINA.

So seldom is it that anything approaching a full statement of the public obligations of China is to be had that the following extract from the Financial Supplement of "The Times" possesses much more than a one-day interest. We, therefore, reprint it here. It is from the paper's Shanghai correspondent, and needs only to be supplemented by an equally circumstantial and trustworthy summary of China's resources and revenues to place the creditors of that vast amorphous empire in possession of all they require to know.

Unhappily the income of China is much more difficult to get at than the catalogue of her foreign debts. Actually the inquirer can only be sure of the figures presented by the Imperial Maritime Customs Service, all other Chinese resources being matters of guessing—mere darkness for the most part. Europe trusts China because it believes in the probity and efficiency of the international Chinese service, and on no other ground. This may be unjust to the Chinese Government, we think it is, but it is the fact none the less, and yet the debt charges as here exhibited must exceed the annual amount of the Customs receipts, or did so until increased duties were imposed and additional taxes given to the foreign service for collection. We speak rather in the dark, last year's report of the Customs Department not having reached us. Several, however, of the loans enumerated below enjoy special securities in the form of railway, and there is no good ground for doubting the adequacy of the security at any point, provided China enjoys internal peace and has no quarrels with her neighbours.

Another "Boxer" episode would probably sweep away the Manchu dynasty and might render the loosely-knit empire in pieces with consequences disastrous to the foreign creditor. A possibility of such a danger must never be put out of sight, but it seems a possibility only. China has begun to wake up, to adopt new ideas, to imitate Western Europe, and, left to themselves, the rulers and people are much more likely to strive to accelerate the redemption of their foreign debts than to interfere with the due payment of the charges they involve. Only thus, they will think, can they secure their freedom, and dispense with the interference of the foreigner accordingly that the real danger lies. If China be provoked or plundered, treated with insolent, aggressive injustice by the Powers always jealous, each other in a kind of always jealous last one should reap while the others merely provide or sharpen the sickle, a few years may bring another upheaval that would ruin all. Antisocial of these Powers must be in evil omen now. In a cold-blooded way they agreed to load China with debt called indemnity, weighty enough to hold her in their mercy for forty years, and already China is on her feet again, asserting her right to exist as an unfettered empire, and her temper is rising as her reorganization goes on. The diplomacy of the story of generation will have to be more prudent than that of the last if disastrous mistakes are to be avoided.

Of the debts of most of the countries of the world official statements are made from time to time, and the authorities of debtor nations are most careful in presenting to the public the state of their finances. China does not act in this way, the Government being as averse to publicity as the Chinese bankers; and the public is left to find out for itself the financial condition of the Empire. The result is a wonderful amount of incomplete knowledge; and most of the public statements which we turn to for information give the same figures from year to year, with no account taken of amortization during the year, and not always any account of new debt incurred.

Before the outbreak of the war with Japan, 1894-5, the foreign debt incurred by China was insignificant in amount, the only loan of which any portion now remains outstanding being a small one of £115,000 at seven per cent, issued in 1895, of which £20,000 has been redeemed (to December 31, 1906), leaving £95,000 still to be redeemed. The Government had one knowledge of the financial history of Turkey and Egypt, and had no intention of having that history repeated on its own soil and it steadily resisted all blandishments to "improve its estate" on borrowed money; it was encouraged in this attitude by the long-continued peace of thirty years from 1864, and by its daily habit of resisting what appeared to it always to be foreign aggression. Besides this it was in the position of the mere art who keeps no bank account, and the Governments of Europe down to 200 years ago, and had not acquired the borrowing habit.

**JAPANESE WAR LOANS.**  
China formerly always fought her wars, even the disastrous Taiping rebellion, on a cash basis, the only credit she obtained being from her own troops and her own purveyors. Her idea of the sinews of war is the *Kriegsgeld* and national credit. The Japanese War, fought to some extent on modern lines, introduced new ideas, and she was compelled to resort to loans. There were a few unsuccessful attempts to float foreign loans, and one domestic loan for 5,000,000 taels (£750,000) which, issued at seven per cent, per annum (about eight and a half per cent, per annum), succeeded only because it was managed directly by the Commissioner of Customs at Canton; this was a short term loan, and was wholly paid off by 1902. There were also four foreign loans, for a total of £45,635,000. One, a silver loan for 10,000,000 taels (£1,635,000), issued in 1894 at seven per cent, has been redeemed to the extent of £2,500,000, leaving £1,145,000 outstanding. The other three were gold loans issued in 1895, 1896, and 1897, and of them £2,200,000 has been redeemed, leaving £2,800,000 outstanding on December 31, 1906. Then came the settlement of the bill, to Japan of 23,000,000 taels (£3,500,000) for war indemnity, and with it the scramble of the European Powers for politico-financial influence. During the three years following the conclusion of peace three loans were issued for a total of £47,820,000 to pay the indemnity, to clear off floating debt, to provide for rearmament and to cover expenses of station and outfitting. The first, issued in 1895, for 4,000,000 francs (£15,820,000) at four per cent, and guaranteed by the Russian Government "in case of need," was issued by a combination of French bankers; the second, for £16,000,000 at five per cent, was issued in 1896, and the third, for £16,000,000 at four and a half per cent, was issued at ninety in 1898, by a combination of English and German bankers, the Hongkong & Shanghai Banking Corporation for England, and the Deutsche Asiatische Bank for Germany. Of these loans the total face value of £47,820,000, there had been paid off by December 31, 1906, the sum of £5,392,635, leaving £42,427,365 outstanding. Of these loans the first will be entirely paid off in 1931, the second in 1932, and the third in 1943; and all are secured upon the Maritime Customs revenue and on certain additional taxes placed under the supervision of the Maritime Customs.

The next historic event for which China had to pay was the midsummer madness of 1900. A refusal to acquiesce in the amount which the Empire could pay, warranted sufficient

to keep quiet for forty years to come, and, in the International Protocol of September 7, 1901, it was settled at £27,500,000. This was the total of the amounts claimed by the several Powers for compensation for injuries suffered by their nationals, and for the cost of military operations in restoring order in North-China, and the amounts were subjected to no audit or examination. Approximately the amounts claimed by each Power were as follows:—

Russia	13,575,000
Germany	13,500,000
France	10,600,000
Great Britain	7,425,000
Japan	5,400,000
United States	4,725,000
Italy	4,050,000
Belgium	1,350,000
Austria-Hungary	675,000
Holland and Spain	200,000

It was decided that the Empire could stand an annual charge of £8,045,000, and, with an existing annual charge of about £3,540,000 for ante-1900 loans, there remained a sum of £4,505,000, which was assigned to the present service of the indemnities, principal and interest at four per cent. In order to provide for a progressive increase in payment of the principal of the indemnities in proportion as prior debt charges were liquidated, and to keep the annual charge for existing obligations at about the same amount of £3,540,000 the annuities for the indemnity were divided into five series:—

- (a) £1,250,000, amortization begins in 1902, and £273,936 paid off in December 31, 1906.
- (b) £9,000,000, amortization begins in 1911.
- (c) £23,500,000, amortization begins in 1915.
- (d) £7,500,000, amortization begins in 1916.
- (e) £17,260,000, amortization begins in 1932.

All five series terminate and are finally to be paid off on December 31, 1940.

The Russo-Japanese War for the redemption of Manchuria (1904-5) was fought without direct cost to the Chinese Government, but one loan was issued in 1906 for £1,000,000 at five per cent. Of this loan £500,000 was paid off in January, 1907, and the balance is redeemed by equal instalments up to 1929.

**OUTSTANDING OBLIGATIONS.**  
Of the Government loans and indemnities now outstanding in whole or in part, the original face value was £123,870,000. Of this amount, £35,241 had been redeemed by December 31, 1906, leaving £88,629,000 then outstanding. The last of the loans will be redeemed in 1940, and the last of the indemnities paid off in 1940.

Of the remaining railway loans secured upon the income of railways and all with a Government guarantee. These are:—

- (1) Imperial Chinese Railway, £2,500,000 at five per cent, of which £115,000 has been paid off.
- (2) Peking-Hankow Railway, £12,500,000 francs (£1,500,000) at five per cent, of which redemption begins in 1909.
- (3) Shanghai-Nanking Railway, £2,900,000 (out of an authorized issue of £3,250,000) at five per cent.
- (4) Canton-Hankow Railway, £1,000,000 lent by the Government of Hongkong at four per cent.

(5) Canton-Kowloon Railway, £500,000 in course of issue (June, 1907) at five per cent.

The total amount of the foreign debt, constituting an obligation of the Imperial Government and secured on its revenues, including Government loans not yet paid off, indemnity (1901) and railway loans, is as follows:—

Total amount of original issue, £135,270,080.  
Charge in 1906 for interest and sinking fund (including one redemption in January, 1907), £2,943,743.

Paid off to January 31, 1907, £29,742,241.

Outstanding January 31, 1907, £105,527,839.

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## PHILIPPINE CARNAVAL ASSOCIATION.

The following interesting circular has reached us from the Philippine Carnival Association. The first annual Philippine Carnival was held in Manila during the week commencing Monday, February 3, 1907, to be down and designated as Carnival week. The festivities of the week will be arranged on the idea or motive of a visit by the Monarch of the Occident to the Monarch of the Orient reigning in Manila. On the arrival of the visiting monarch in the harbor, he will be received with royal honors, salutes, dressed ships, etc. He will be met by the reigning monarch, attended by his court and retinue, in a brilliant court and residence of justice, will arrive to the place of departure where he will be given the freedom of the city.

On the following day there will be a land parade participated in by both monarchs, their courts and retinues. Following this day there will be a series of displays by the followers of each monarch in which supremacy will be contested for in feats of arms, games, sports, and representative amusements. At the conclusion of these contests, when prizes are about to be awarded, a monarch greener than either, the King of Carnival, attended by a brilliant court and retinue of justice, will arrive to the place of departure where he will be given the freedom of the city.

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## AN ELEPHANT TRAP.

The Times of Ceylon gives the following further particulars about the recent elephant drive, which seems to have attracted hundreds of spectators.

Kral town is very much like the base of operations of a great battle, to which news of the action in progress comes in every few minutes by runners. Mr. Maduwanwella is the General in command, directing the banking movements, sometimes by means of messengers, but very often going in the thick of the fight himself. His is a very difficult position, torn between conflicting demands of the duties of host and general, but he is hospitably embodied and is very popular among all visitors. On Wednesday, there was nothing but rumours of elephants, with only the occasional distant roar of the beaters, when the elephants tried to break through, to stimulate the imagination of the visitors and when their anticipations of the exciting scenes to come, it seems to be a very solid kral.

Of other elephant-trapping operations had led one to expect an unholy din in which herosine time and blunders played an ear torturing part, but there has been nothing less melodious than a chorus of yelling coolies eliminating in wild falsetto tones, and then dying off gradually on the wind. The reason for this is that the lack of water alone is being used as an instrument for forcing the elephants in, the efforts of the beaters being confined to preventing them getting to the stream which lies a their course. In this way the animals have not only been made more docile from day to day, but they have been gradually coerced in the direction where they know liquid refreshment and the bathing facilities, which they prize so much, to be plentiful. One big brute, perhaps, like some of his human brethren, born thirder than the rest, came on in advance. He went into the kral on Tuesday night, slaked his thirst with the sacred waters of the fine cool spring therein, and, having refreshed himself, he went out, and he had contented himself with this he would have been a much happier elephant to-day. I am sure there was nothing but sympathy with him in kral town, the denizens of which kral not only once or twice a day, but were seldom doing else when awake, for kral town is really a thirsty place, but when Mr. Maduwanwella saw what a giant it was determined to make the better acquaintance of his guest before parting with him, and the portals were closed on Thuesday. This gave a day of excitement on Thuesday. On Thursday morning, the new that an elephant was in the kral spread round the visitors' campment, and nearly everybody was on the spot at seven o'clock, by which time the intelligent brute inside had fully realised his position. It didn't take him long to learn that he had been trapped, and he was immediately for putting his strength against that of the stockade. The shouts of the beaters, who had been told off to watch him, announced the fact that he was rushing against the fence, taking vast after each onslaught. When daylight came he was lying down in the centre of the enclosure, recuperating for further attacks, a big brown indignant-looking dark through the dense foliage, that might have been taken for a huge moss-grown boulder, except for the steady flapping of the large ears. Occasionally, he would dig his trunk into the ground and squirt volume of dust over his back, lazily eyeing the spectators round the railings who admirably feigned indifference, which was soon to be belied when he got up on his feet, and deliberately measured the distance between him and the barrier with his eye. Apparently thinking that he wanted a longer run, he backed out on two yards, then came charging down on the fence his head lowered like a mad bull. His big forehead hit the top rail of the fence with a tremendous impact that sent a tremor through the ground which could be felt many yards away. The beaters shouted and yelled, and thrust their sharp spears into his body, upon which he went back for another try. In a few minutes, he came again in exactly the same manner as before, and again to retreat. He did this repeatedly, picking out the weak spots in the railing with remarkable judgment, and doing it all with a solemn deliberation and premeditation that was extremely amusing to watch, only one could see what would happen if six or seven such brutes came charging at the fence in the same way, and one did not envy the task of the beaters who have to meet these onslaughts. The elephant charged at intervals during the whole morning, and bore evidence of his encounters with the spears in the shape of big wounds on his head. The spears—long poles with sharp pointed pieces of iron at the top—were placed against each post, and several visitors took hold of them, and bore him in repelling the attacks. Others were busy trying to take snapshots, it is to be feared with meagre results, as the shade of the trees was very dense. The most enterprising among the "snaphooters" was the German explorer and big game hunter, Mr. Hieland, who is a very prominent figure in the kral. He was on his way to Hambantota district, when he heard of the kral, and he travelled part of the distance on a tri-car, and had a very tedious time of it working up the hills. He has a camping outfit and elaborate photographic apparatus. Mr. Hieland has amused and edified the camp in the evenings with his tales of adventure, but it was nothing to the way he diverted it at the kral. He claims to hold the record of elephant shooting and his contempt for the puny Ceylon species is too deep for words. Even this huge specimen butting the stockade failed entirely to impress Mr. Hieland for he insisted, much against the wishes of Mr. Maduwanwella, on going right up to the elephant with his camera though careful to make his retreat good by clearing all creepers and other obstacles as he proceeded. The creature inside the enclosure eyed him with contemptuous indifference for some time as if not deigning to trouble his mind about him, but it became apparent, as time went on, that he was beginning to get annoyed

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F. A. HAZELAND,  
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Hongkong, 8th October, 1907. 1656

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E. A. HEWITT,  
Superintendent.  
Hongkong, 11th October, 1907. 1

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Hongkong, 8th October, 1907. 1635

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G. A. WOODCOCK,  
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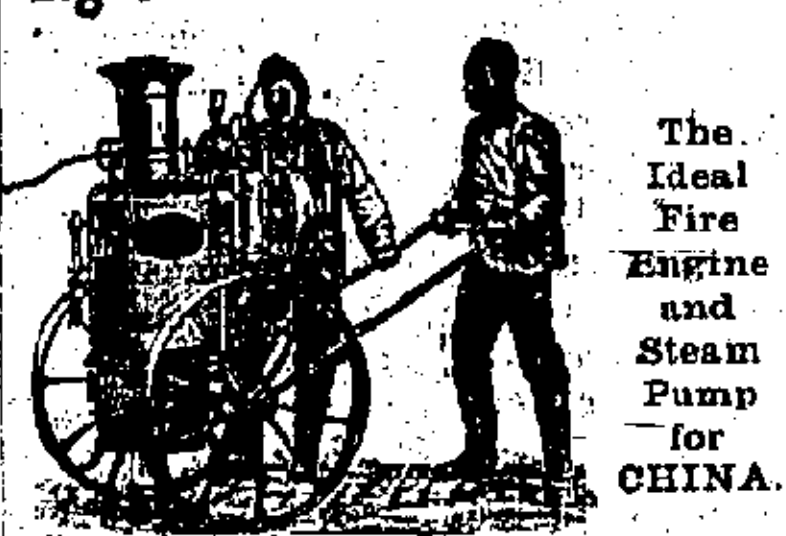
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### MOTOR NOTES FROM HOME

[Written for the Ho Kong Daily Press.]

It has been the habit of progressive general dealers in the colonies and often of private individuals as well to communicate with the excellent organization known as the British Empire Traders Association. The objective of this Society has been to foster the British Motor industry in every nook and cranny of the globe where cars might be of service for transit and transport; and it has done its work with satisfaction to its many members. My readers should know that it is now being merged into the Society of Motor Manufacturers, which is a sort of Star Chamber of the trade, powerful enough to operate a monopoly in exhibitions in this country (the Olympia show stands to its credit) and benevolent enough in its work to hold the respect of all and sundry. Public companies, corporations and the like, bewildered by the plethora of choices offered them in enticing advertisement columns of the motoring press would be well advised to communicate with the secretary of this society by placing orders for self-propelled vehicles of the British brand. I can safely say that their advice which is gratuitous is well worth having.

Next year is sure to see reformatory legislative proposals before parliament, and "then!!" pandemonium! A Royal Commission has recommended the abolition of the absurd speed limit laws, and if politicians have the courage of their convictions they will uphold this view in spite of the howl that is sure to go up from snake-headed socialists and microbes minded motor-phobes. At the present time, as Lord Montagu has pointed out in cold hard type, the majority of police magistrates use prejudice and perjury as instruments to insure convictions. It is refreshing, therefore, to find at least one legal luminary with a sane and progressive spirit. In heavily sentencing two motorists for obvious breaches of the law with regard to driving to the common danger, the Stipendiary Magistrate for the Poteries stated that the legal limit was unnecessary and that there was no danger in a motorist driving twenty thirty, or forty miles an hour providing the road ahead was clear. Under other circumstances, however, there might be distinctive peril to pedestrians if a car travelled even at ten miles an hour. Staffordshire, he said, was a county all over others for motorists, for within its borders there was no legal limit, and provided the motorist was a gentleman, as the wheel he was safe from the prohibitions of the police. Accordingly I recommend Staffordshire to my colonial readers who may by spending a holiday in the old country on an automobile.

Doubtless the forthcoming commercial trials will be of special interest to the colonies, for the business car will be of extreme use in such countries where the railway facilities are confined to single arterial lines and where railway feeds are a necessity. In the Malak Peninsula the railway passes through some hundreds of miles of country well covered with plantations and rich in minerals. Though touching the principal towns it naturally leaves many important mining villages and agricultural centres untouched, and only in one or two instances are those of sufficient importance to justify the establishment of branch lines. It is just here that the motor carabanc and lorrie would fill a long felt want, but unfortunately commercial car industry must remain at a standstill until such time as a cheaper fuel than petrol is discovered. Experiments are being made with alcohol by the governments of France, Germany and America—only the British are lagging behind. Once the problem has been solved the commercial car trade will create the greatest industrial boom of the age.

### JOINT STOCK SHARES.

Messrs. Vernon & Smyth say in their weekly share report, dated Hongkong 11th October, 1907.—We have no improvement to report in the amount of business transacted. The week has ruled very dull, but rates have been fairly well maintained and several of the smaller stocks continue in demand without finding sellers. At the time of writing the slump in sterling exchange has assisted the stagnation that has been ruling so long, and although a lower rate of exchange should in the ordinary course of things tend to a rise in the rates of shares, more especially in Banks, operators seem inclined to make time at the moment, and to await further developments. Exchange on London, T/T, 2/11, on Shanghai 73.

**BANKS.**—Hongkong and Shanghai have ruled steady at quotations but with no business to report. The London rate has fallen to 27 1/2. At time of closing shares could in all probability be obtained at quotations. Nationals remain unchanged and without any reported business.

**MARINE INSURANCES.**—Unions have been enquired for during the week, but no shares appear to be available and the market closes steady at quotation. North China have been placed at 75, closing steady at that rate. China Traders and Yangtzes continue without business. Cantons continue with sellers at 270, after steadying a little in the middle of the week. This latter Company has issued its yearly report, which shows an amount for dividend for the 1906 account of \$486,958.27, which the General Agents and the Consulting Committee propose to deal with as follows: To pay a dividend of \$20 per share, absorbing \$300,000 and to carry forward the balance of \$186,958.27 to the formation of an account to be called the Underwriting Suspense account, which account is proposed to augment by adding \$115,000 to it from the reserve fund, making the suspense account \$401,958.27 and leaving the reserve fund at \$1,560,000.

**FIRE INSURANCES.**—Hongkong have again changed hands at \$300, closing steady at that rate. China remain weak, and without business at 886, sellers.

**SHIPPING.**—Hongkong, Canton and Macao continue quiet at 42 1/2, with sellers, but offers at lower rates, both for cash and forward meet with no response. Indos remain with sellers at quotations and without business. China Manilas are still unprocureable at \$15, holders asking higher rates. Other stocks under this heading remain unchanged and without business.

**REFINERIES.**—No change or business to report.

**MINING.**—Rauhs have improved during the week, and have changed hands at 49 1/2 and 91, closing steady at the latter rate. The crushing for the last month was 1,100 oz. odd. Chinese Engineerings have continued quiet with no business to report.

**DOCKS, WHARVES AND GODOWNS.**—We have no business to report under this heading, but rates have ruled steady. Shanghai reports

a drop in Shanghai Docks to 75, and in Hong-kow Wharves to 210.

**LANDS, HOTELS AND BUILDINGS.**—Hong-kong Lands have ruled steady at 80, but we have no sales to report. Hotels continue with buyers at 10, but sellers still hold for higher rates. We have nothing further to report under this heading.

**COTTON MILLS.**—Swos have declined to 60 in Shanghai, and Internationals improved to 55. Other Cottons remain unchanged.

**MISCELLANEOUS.**—China Borneos have improved during the week to 10, after sales at 9 1/2 and 7 1/2, the market closing with further buyers at the last rate. Cements have improved to 11 1/2 with sales and further buyers. China Lights, Dairy Farms, Watsons, China Providents and Peak Tramways have all changed hands and close steady at quotations, and Rops and Electricos are still enquired for without bringing any shares on the market. We have nothing further to report under this heading.

### A FLOWER.

Did you ever examine a flower that to discover how much it had grown? If so you will know that it is next to impossible to establish the fact of its growth from day to day; your memory refers to what it was a week—a fortnight—a month previous, and thereby alone you can tell how much it has progressed.

Yet the growth is going on regularly and in each twenty-four hours a portion of that change has occurred which you can only establish after the lapse of a longer time.

So it is with our bodies. The food or drink we take has its effect in promoting growth and health or the reverse. In a general way the process is so imperceptible that we are inclined to forget the fact.

Of one hundred things we eat or drink perhaps ninety-nine will furnish food (more or less easily obtained by the stomach) to the blood. The hundredth thing makes us ill and we consequently remember it: the ninety-and-nine are forgotten! Yet of this number some one or more will furnish the nourishment it contains more easily than the rest, and if we are weak that is the thing to which we should give the preference. Van Houten's Cocoa stands first on this list of the ninety-and-nine. It is so easily digested that it furnishes food to the blood without entailing much labour on the organs of digestion, and on that account it is recommended to those who suffer from indigestion. But to the normal individual it is a beverage which combines a nourishing food with a delicious drink. It is cheap, because a little goes a long way. Give it a trial, for one ounce of experience in that matter is worth more than a pound of theory.

### CHURCH SERVICES.

**ST. JOHN'S CATHEDRAL, Hongkong.**—October 13th, Sunday, 20th after Trinity. Holy Communion (7.30 a.m.). Matins (11 a.m.). Responses: Psalms, 141; Psalms, of the 13th morning; To Donum, Lavos, Cooke and Hopkins; Benedictus, Langdon; Hymns, 205, 193 and 197; Evensong (3.45 p.m.). (Full Choir). Responses: Psalms, of the 13th evening; Magnificat and Nunc Dimittis, Stanford in B flat; Anthem, "God Who Madest Earth and Heaven"—Lohr; Hymns, 266 and 17; Sevenfold Amen; Voluntary, All Soul's Day, Lassen. Finals (Atheistic Symphony) Tchaikovsky. L.A.I.

**ST. PETER'S CHURCH, Queen's Road, West.**—20th Sunday after Trinity. Holy Communion 7.30 a.m. Morning Prayer 11 a.m. Venite, Cooke; Te Deum, Oakley; Benedictus, Barnby; Hymns, 172, 458, 629 and 333; Kyrie, Evening Prayer 6.50. Magnificat, Robinson; Nunc Dimittis, Aylward; Hymns, 503, 443, 231 and 273.

The Church launch, Dayspring, will call on ships carrying white crews, to bring friends ashore to the services, between 9.15 and 10.30 a.m., and between 5.15 and 6 p.m. (Kowloon Police Pier 10.30 and 6), returning afterwards. All the sittings are free and unexpensive oil. Visitors welcome. Books, &c. provided.

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**ST. ANDREW'S, Kowloon.**—(Robinson Road, near British School.) Sundays: Holy Communion 1st and 5th Sundays in month at noon; 2nd and 4th Sundays at 8 a.m.; 3rd Sundays at 7 p.m. Morning Prayer and Sermon at 11 a.m. Evening Prayer and Sermon at 6 p.m.; Children's Services (and Baptisms, if necessary) on 3rd Sundays, at 3 p.m.; Sunday School at 3 p.m. on remaining Sundays. Wednesday: Shortened Evening Prayer with address, at 6 p.m.; Congregational practice of Hymns, &c. at 6.45. "Hymnal Companion" used and provided. All seats are free after the commencement of Service. Appropriated sittings are reserved up to that time only. Churching before or after any of the services and Baptisms at special times, by appointment with the chaplain. The Church is open daily until sunset, and can be used for Prayer and Meditation.

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 HONGKONG, British str., 2,050, Kinghorn, 10th Oct.—Singapore 14th Oct. General—Chinese.  
 ISTOK, Austrian str., 1,850, M. Tioa, 11th Oct.—Bombay 20th Sept. General—Sander, Wierler & Co.  
 MONMOUTH, British cruiser, 9,800, John A. Tuke, 11th Oct.—Amoy 9th Oct.  
 OCEAN, Norw. str., 9, T. A. Tie, 10th Oct.—Wien & Co.  
 PROFIT, Norwegian str., 11th Oct.—Canton.  
 TEAN, British str., 1,346, A. Somerville, 11th Oct.—Manila 8th Oct. General—Butterfield & Swire.  
 WILMINGTON, American gunboat, 1,500, W. Bush, 10th Oct.—Wenchow 8th Oct.  
 YCHOW, British str., 1,312, F. Northcote, 11th Oct.—Shanghai Oct. 7th. Swatow 10th. General—Butterfield & Swire.

## CLEARANCES.

At the Harbour Master's Office, 11th October.  
 Chingta, British str., for Yokohama  
 Hongkong, British str., for Amoy  
 J. Diederichsen, German str., for Hoihow  
 Keenun, British str., for Seattle  
 Profit, Norwegian str., for Saigon  
 Ruby, British str., for Manila  
 Ychow, British str., for Canton.

## DEPARTURES.

11th October.  
 AMARI, British str., for Amoy  
 CHANGCHOW, British str., for Canton  
 Fenching, Chinese str., for Shanghai  
 HAIKUN, French str., for Swatow  
 KNIVBERG, German str., for K. C. Wan  
 KOBACHANG, German str., for Swatow  
 LEVANT, Italian str., for Singapore  
 LEONGSANG, British str., for Manila  
 MANILA, German str., for Manila  
 PERISA, British str., for San Francisco  
 POWHATAN, British str., for Moji  
 SHAKHONG, British str., for Swatow  
 TAIKOSAN MARU, Japanese str., for Kobe  
 USTU MARU, Japanese str., for Sourabaya.

## SHIPPING REPORTS.

The British str. *Harpoon* reports: Light variable winds until the parcel of 19 deg. North, then moderate to fresh N.E. monsoon.

## VESSELS IN DOCK.

October 11th.  
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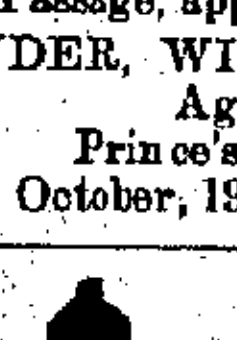


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DESTINATION	VESSEL'S NAME	FLAG & REG.	BERTH	CAPTAIN	FOR FREIGHT APPLY TO	TO BE DESPATCHED
LONDON & C. VIA USUAL PORTS OF CALL...	OCEANA	Brit. str.	—	W. Hayward, E.N.E.	P. & O. S. N. Co.	On 19th inst., at Noon.
MARSEILLES, & C. VIA PORTS OF CALL...	NERA	Brit. str.	—	C. Schmitz	MESSAGERIES MARITIMES	On 18th inst., at 1 p.m.
HAVRE & HAMBURG VIA STRAITS, & C.	INDIAN	Dan. str.	—	—	MELCHERS & CO.	On 24th inst.
HAVRE & HAMBURG VIA STRAITS, & C.	BRIGAVIA	Ger. str.	k.w.	Hildebrandt	HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE	On 19th inst.
HAVRE & HAMBURG VIA STRAITS, & C.	SUEVIA	Ger. str.	k.w.	Solmer	HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE	On 12th November.
HAVRE & HAMBURG VIA STRAITS, & C.	BRIGAVIA	Ger. str.	k.w.	Girgenbrin	HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE	On 26th November.
HAVRE & HAMBURG VIA STRAITS, & C.	ROSENSTAUEN	Ger. str.	k.w.	Jager	HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE	On 30th inst.
NAPLES, GENOA, ALGERIA, GIBRALTAR & C.	SILSIA	Ger. str.	k.w.	Bable	MELCHERS & CO.	On 11th December.
TRIESTE, & C. VIA SINGAPORE, & C.	KLEIST	Ger. str.	—	Rud. Meyer	SANDER, WIELER & CO.	On 23rd inst., at Noon.
ODessa	PERISA	Aus. str.	—	P. Craglietto	MELCHERS & CO.	About 26th inst., P.M.
NEW YORK	NIUNI NOVGOROD	Rus. str.	—	—	MELCHERS & CO.	On 13th inst.
NEW YORK VIA PORTS & SUEZ CANAL	OCEAN MONARCH	Am. str.	—	—	MELCHERS & CO.	About 26th inst.
VANCOUVER VIA SHANGHAI JAPAN, & C.	EMPEROR OF INDIA	Brit. str.	2 m.	—	SHEWAN TOMES & CO.	On 2nd November.
VICTORIA (B.C.) & TACOMA VIA JAPAN	MONTEAGLE	Brit. str.	1 m.	—	CANADIAN PACIFIC R. Co.	On 24th inst., at 4 p.m.
AUSTRIAN PORTS VIA MANILA	KUMERIC	Am. str.	—	—	CANADIAN PACIFIC R. Co.	On 6th Nov., at Noon.
AUSTRIAN PORTS VIA PORT DARWIN & C.	KATHERINE PARK	Brit. str.	—	D. Baird	DODWELL & CO., LTD.	On 25th inst.
AUSTRIAN PORTS VIA MANILA	TAIYUAN	Brit. str.	—	—	TOYO KISEN KAISHA	End of November.
VLADIVOSTOCK VIA SHANGHAI	EMPIRE	Brit. str.	—	L. Dawson	GIBR. LIVINGSTON & CO.	On 26th inst., at 4 p.m.
YOKOHAMA AND KOBE	PRINZ WALDEMAR	Ger. str.	—	W. von Sander	MELCHERS & CO.	On 26th inst., at Noon.
YOKOHAMA AND KOBE	GULF OF VENICE	Ger. str.	—	—	MELCHERS & CO.	On 7th Nov., at Noon.
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YOKOHAMA AND KOBE	PRINZ WALDEMAR	Ger. str.	—	W. von Sander	MELCHERS & CO.	On 25th Nov., at 4 p.m.
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YOKOHAMA AND KOBE	KUICHOW	Brit. str.	—	—	MELCHERS & CO.	On 19th inst., at 4 p.m.
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## JAPAN IN KOREA.

## SIGNS OF SUCCESS.

In view of the alarming amount of hostile criticism that has been directed against Japan's administration in Korea, the public will doubtless be interested to know, says the Tokyo correspondent of the Standard, the results of a somewhat careful inquiry into what Japan has really been doing to do in that country, with a brief survey of the extent to which she has been able to bring her plans to fruition. And if this necessarily meagre survey of so vexed a question should result in disappointment to those who all along have expected that Japan would have shown the same competence, for celerity of reformation that attended her policy of melioration in Formosa, there will be less liability to unjust criticism if it be borne in mind that there is no real identity of circumstances in the task undertaken or the changes to be effected.

In Formosa Japan entered into her own possession and had a free hand to plan and execute as she deemed expedient, whereas in Korea she is regarded as an intruder, with a corrupt and moribund bureaucracy centuries' growth to take to pieces and reconstruct, and therein spite of the unceasing opposition of a mass of people as ignorant and superstitious as any to be found on earth.

Notwithstanding the opinions of those who maintain that Japan is an usurper in Korea, we have to admit that she was imperatively called to enter upon the reformation of Korea in order to save her from a worse fate than that of the Chinese-Japan war, the resumption of peace with Russia, the internal conditions, as well as the foreign relations of Korea, were an unmitigated menace not only to Japan's own interests with respect to the balance of power in the Far East, but to the permanence of peace itself. After the close of the conflict with China, Korea, left free to choose her own destiny, quickly fell a prey to the designs of Russia, compelling the armed interference of Japan and plunging two great nations into the horrors of war.

After the signature of the Treaty of Portsmouth, permanently to safeguard the peace which it proclaimed, it became absolutely necessary that some authority acceptable to the leading Powers should undertake the management of Korean affairs until such time as that nation should evolve a capacity for independent self-government. An Japan was on the ground, so to speak, and the nearest of kin to the Koreans, it seemed only natural to the Powers concerned that she should be assigned the task of reforming Korea. Apart altogether from the international aspect of the question, the reign of injustice and despotism, cruelty that was degrading Korea called for interference in the interest of civilisation.

## JAPAN'S DIFFICULT TASK.

Before Japan could enter upon the duty assigned her, she was at the outset confronted with the very unpleasant responsibility of formally enforcing a protectorate of the country. Korea was approached in the most patient, considerate, and diplomatic manner, and the conditions carefully explained, but the overtures of Japan were met by evasion, not to say resentment. It became evident to Japan that no good could be accomplished by treating Korea as an independent Power. A Conference between the representatives of the two nations was called in November, 1895, but the Koreans naturally, yet blindly averse to outside interference, placed every obstruction in the way of an amicable adjustment of the difficulty; a corrupt and imbecile officialdom, encouraged by a bigoted and semi-savage populace, resented what was regarded as an unwarrantable assumption on the part of Japan, and had practically to be forced into submission to a legal agreement placing Korea under the protection of Japan.

That the Korean officials did not voluntarily acquiesce in the suzerainty of Japan, even Japan herself was ready to admit; and for this personal assumption of the sovereignty rights of Korea Japan has been roundly scolded and severely blamed by certain writers and publicists; but, in justice to Japan, it ought to be the duty of her critics to suggest a method that, in the face of the necessity of occupying the country, would have been at once more humane and more effective than that which Japan adopted. Japan could have made war upon Korea and formally annexed the country, as nations have done time and again, and she effected the inception of her task by peaceful and diplomatic means.

It is quite true that the mark to urge that Japan is in Korea without the consent and goodwill of the people over whom she essays her jurisdiction. Though this be true, who will honestly say that her presence there is not as necessary to the improvement of Korean affairs and the maintenance of peace as the presence of the United States in Cuba, or of France in Morocco. It is admittedly as much the right of nations to protect their frontiers as it is to ensure the progress of civilisation among their weaker neighbours. Consequently Japan could not in the circumstances, and so long as she exercises a benign and enlightened influence in her manipulation of Korean affairs it would appear only right that the difficulties of her colossal endeavour should not be increased by unfair criticism.

To initiate her plans to bring order out of chaos, and to accelerate the progress of reform, Japan at once called to her assistance one of the foremost statesmen of the empire, the Marquis Ito, a diplomatist and an empire builder of unquestioned repute at home and abroad; and this "grand old man" is now spending the declining years of his long and illustrious life in bringing his mature wisdom and experience to bear upon the task of mastering the complexities of the present situation with permanent benefit to all concerned. While some of his critics would dispute his right to be there, none of them envy him his position, which is assuredly one of the most baffling ever thrust upon a public man. His is the duty of persuading a people made distrustful of all officials by centuries of cruelty and misadministration of human justice, whether of their tribal enemies or of the Chinese and coolies who live on the verge of the hills, or are engaged in the camphor industry. The Japanese, who—well organised and determined as they are—have not yet succeeded in effecting their conquest, have already had some desperate encounters with these irreconcilable enemies, and parties of soldiers have even been surprised and slaughtered and their heads borne away into the dark recesses of the mountains. For although these singular people have been known to welcome the white stranger, their villages with the greatest cordiality, with the camphor prospector they will hold no intercourse, regarding him as the agent of a foreign yoke, and his severed head in their remote villages is typical of the only terms on which they will ever consent to meet him until the final conquest of their mountain stronghold is achieved.

Thus, while Chinese heads were at one time most eagerly sought for, the growing danger their continued independence created by the presence of Japan has invested their actions with a new rationale. Consequently the young

that during the first eighteen months of her administration no fewer than seventy-seven ministers either resigned or were removed from the service of the Government. Japan has regarded her task in Korea as one of reconstruction and purification from the very foundation of the Government upwards; she found no substratum of either ability or character to build upon; she discovered no institutions intact that a modern State could take over, and utilise just as they stood. It is not to be wondered at, in view of the radical changes that Japan proposed and has now actually carried out, that the brief period of her occupation should be marked by a period of disquietude among the inhabitants, frequent finding expression in rioting and bloodshed. It is a not question with some whether Japan is doing the best that could be done with the material at hand; but in view of the magnitude of her task in alleviating the condition of a degenerate nation, it must be admitted that no conspicuous improvement can be justly expected in so brief a space, no matter how perfect the means of reform.

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This tremendous influx of Japanese adventurers, too often guilty of inflicting abuse and injustice upon the ignorant inhabitants of Korea, continually tend to embarrass the situation. Still, the progress of reform is undoubtedly maintained, and assuredly in time abuses that may now be general will become incidental, if they do not entirely disappear. Those in deepest sympathy with Japan's struggle after modern ideals and conditions will be free to acknowledge the magnificent sacrifices by which Japan has and her own frontiers and freed Korea from Russian domination, thus placing the whole Oriental world in a position fearlessly and freely to develop its best of character and endeavour. The sincerity, determination, courage, and efficiency evinced by that sacrifice must inevitably attend the progress of Japan's reorganisation of Korea; and, though occasionally there will be mistakes and often much that is misunderstood, we may feel confident that the ultimate outcome will make for the general enlightenment and freedom of the Korean people.

## RAILWAYS AND LOANS.

It would not be possible at this time to give any extended view of the many indications of achievement that already are attending the course of Japan's administration in Korea. The fine system of railways that Japan has built from one end of the country to the other has greatly enhanced the land values of the interior, as well as proved a potent civilising factor; and Japanese loans are being devoted to developing the industrial and commercial resources of the country. Enormous sums have already been expended by the Japanese Government on the improvement and extension of highways; for before the advent of Japan there were no roads fit for horse vehicles. Modern systems of waterworks are already under way in some of the larger towns and cities, and with improved sanitation, the fearful epidemics to which Korea has been subject will become as rare as they now are in Japan.

Plans have been formulated for a national system of education similar to that in Japan; textbooks are in course of preparation for the new schools, for which Japanese normal and training colleges are to provide efficient teachers. The Japanese mind, imbued as it is, with the spirit of modern science, has made special efforts to root out demagogical superstitions, especially the pernicious practice of sorcery, but in the Imperial Court all attempts in this direction had been without avail.

## AN INDUSTRY AT WAR.

## FORMOSA CAMPHOR-FORESTS.

That so simple an announcement as that the price of camphor was rising could be a way associated with the dread issues of life and death would never enter the mind of the ordinary reader, says a writer in "Chamber's Journal." That the morsel of the fragrant drug which acts as the sentinel of our wardrobe against the invasion of predatory moths may stand for the death and dole of those who won it in the dark Formosan forests—may in very deed represent some dreary human tragedy, and have been the occasion of great joy in some wild hill-village when the hunters returned with the freshly severed heads—has been hidden from all but a few. But to those of us who know Formosa and the camphor trade, with its terrible dangers, the little semi-transparent blocks which we purchase are invested with a very real and even tragic interest; and when we are told that the price of camphor has risen, it is as though the diminutive cakes we handle were sensitised with telepathic power and vibrant with the intimation of tragedy.

No doubt, of course, the Japanese may nowadays control the market; but it is never so certain that they can control the head-hunting savages of the hills, and the development of this valuable industry, and equally upon the success of their undertakings for reconnoitering and suppressing these determined and as yet unconquered tribes. Formosa, which is shaped somewhat like a huge sole, has a rugged, mountainous backbone in which Mount Morrison towers into the clouds to a height of 12,000ft. Throughout the wild peninsula of these mountains lurk a number of warlike tribes of varying strength; whose lives are devoted to hunting, fishing, and fighting with one another, their one community of interest being a passionate ardour in the collection of human heads, whether of their tribal enemies or of the Chinese and coolies who live on the verge of the hills, or are engaged in the camphor industry. The Japanese, who—well organised and determined as they are—have not yet succeeded in effecting their conquest, have already had some desperate encounters with these irreconcilable enemies, and parties of soldiers have even been surprised and slaughtered and their heads borne away into the dark recesses of the mountains. For although these singular people have been known to welcome the white stranger, their villages with the greatest cordiality, with the camphor prospector they will hold no intercourse, regarding him as the agent of a foreign yoke, and his severed head in their remote villages is typical of the only terms on which they will ever consent to meet him until the final conquest of their mountain stronghold is achieved.

Thus, while Chinese heads were at one time most eagerly sought for, the growing danger their continued independence created by the presence of Japan has invested their actions with a new rationale. Consequently the young

braves, in qualifying for the dignity of matrimony by the collection of heads in proof of their valor, may now pose as champions of their race when gratifying their blood-lust upon some belated and outnumbered little party of camphor-men, who at armament of fancied security have been suddenly taken unawares by their merciless foes. These, quite possibly, have been watching and counting the heads for some time previously, for a head-hunter will lie in wait for days for his victim, who, he knows, will take a certain path some time or other. Then from among the dense foliage and undergrowth he shoots his victim at point-blank range, and with savage exultation severs the precious head of his quarry, whether dead or alive, carrying it back to his village, where he is received with inconceivable honour and rejoicings.

The tree from which camphor is obtained is a species of laurel indigenous to Formosa, and it is on the mountains overrun by these terrible hordes of head-hunters that the extensive forests from which practically the world draws its supply of camphor are found. Of nearly seven million pounds obtained annually, the small island produces about 600,000 lb., half of which comes from Japan, a third from China, and one-sixth from Formosa. Allowing for a reasonable increase in the world's demand, it is estimated that Formosa contains sufficient camphor to supply the world for another hundred years and more, for Japan scrupulously plants a new tree for every one cut down in pursuit of the industry. Many of the best camphor-forests still lie beyond the protected zone, in disputed territory, and into these the Japanese are gradually working, as they require the forest by a system of look-out-houses from which their small posts can resist any attack by the savages. Japan is devoting herself with energy and success to the development of her Formosa colony, and in time no doubt will gain the mountain interior and subdue the ferocious guardians of the camphor-forests.

## A WIFE'S DEBTS.

## WHY PAY THEM—AS THE LAW NOW STANDS?

No, gentle reader, you are (as usual) mistaken. The object of this article is not to encourage a series of frauds upon excellent tradesmen. That would be, without doubt, contrary to good morals and public policy. No; my wholly innocent object is to suggest that the law, in an important particular, needs amendment.

Married women are now the spoiled children of English law—not, of course, in all respects, but in some. It is not always so. For a long time the text-books treated questions relating to married women midway between questions relating to lunatics. The ladies shared the disabilities of each of the other two classes. But then came the rough-and-ready hand of legislation, until now a series of Married Women's Property Acts have placed wives and mothers in so greatly favoured a position—again, in some respects—that it is almost dangerous to do business with them.

## THE BLAMELESS TRADESMAN.

The general question is matter for a separate treatise. But I want to call attention to the strange case of debts incurred by married women. To put the matter shortly, and ignore unimportant exceptions, one may say that nowadays a married woman and her husband are, in a financial sense, strangers. The husband cannot dispose of his wife's property, nor the wife of her husband's property. When she makes a contract, the presumption is that she is making it "on her own." But she can still, to a limited extent, pledge the credit of her husband. How is the blameless tradesman to know whether she is doing so or not? Obviously, he cannot ask her. If he did, he would soon have no customers to ask. So he is left to the operation of the law, which sometimes moves in a mysterious way. Take the simplest, and commonest case of a married woman who is living with her husband. The question whether she can pledge his credit is purely a question of the law of agency. The fact that she happens to be his wife is apparently immaterial. If she is acting as his agent to buy, he is liable; otherwise not. Now, of course no difficulty arises where a wife has "express" authority to pledge her husband's credit. But in the absence of such authority, and such authority is not common, the difficult question arises whether authority is "implied."

A long series of decisions—I need mention only "Debnham v. Mellon," "Jolly v. Ross," "Seaton v. Benedict," "Montague v. Benedict," "Manby v. Scott"—has left the law in a clear but unsatisfactory condition. There is a presumption that a wife living with her husband has his authority to pledge his credit for "necessaries"—that is to say, not merely for the bare necessities of life but for all articles reasonably necessary for the maintenance and station in which the household life. That seems fair and reasonable enough.

## FOUR WAYS OUT.

The difficulty is that in various ways the presumption may be rebutted, and therefore it may prove the merest pitfall for the unhappy tradesman who relies upon it. "I think," said Lord Blackburn in the case of "Debnham v. Mellon," "said, if husband and wife are living together, that is a presumption of fact from which the jury may infer that the husband really did give his wife such authority. But, even then, I do not think that the authority would arise so long as she supplied her with the means of supporting herself and her children." The presumption may, in fact, be rebutted in any one of four distinct ways. If the husband is sued upon a contract made by his wife he may set up (1) as Lord Blackburn put it, that he had given his wife a sufficient allowance to enable her to procure necessaries; or (2) that he had, or that somebody had, already sufficiently supplied her with the sort of necessaries in question; or, again, (3) that he had forbidden the tradesman to charge goods to him; or finally, (4) that he had forbidden his wife to pledge his credit for a sufficient allowance, or not? How is it to be known, or ascertained, whether she has a sufficient supply, or not? Above all how can any one be expected to know whether the prudent husband, in the small hours of the morning, when there was nobody in the bedroom but his wife and himself, forbade the sharer of his joys to pledge his credit? Yet a prohibition of that kind is, in law, sufficient.

## A CHOICE OF EVILS.

Now, is this quite fair? Of course, it is fair enough that the tradesman should not be able to recover if the husband has given him clear notice beforehand that he refuses to be held liable. But what is to be said of the other three cases? How is it to be known, or ascertained, whether the elegant lady on the public side of the counter has a sufficient allowance, or not? How is it to be known, or ascertained, whether she has a sufficient supply, or not? Above all how can any one be expected to know whether the prudent husband, in the small hours of the morning, when there was nobody in the bedroom but his wife and himself, forbade the sharer of his joys to pledge his credit? Yet a prohibition of that kind is, in law, sufficient.

It is, as is so obvious to say that in this matter, as in so many others, that the side of the law represents a compromise. There were two possible evils, one of which had to be chosen. Either the law was to permit a wife to spend her husband's money, not only without his knowledge and authority, but even in defiance of his express prohibition. Or, on the other

hand, the law was to permit innocent tradesmen, carrying on their business in the only practicable fashion, to enter into contracts upon which they could never recover. Of the two evils, the law chose the second. It left the seller to look out for himself. It stuck close to the principles of agency, and said in substance that any man who has business transactions with a married woman must either (1) make strict inquiry or (2) take the risk of loss. The question is—and I am not going to answer it, but only to submit it for consideration—is this state of the law quite satisfactory? Cannot a middle way be found which would mitigate the apparent unfairness of the existing law? If so, what is that way?—Morning Leader.

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